

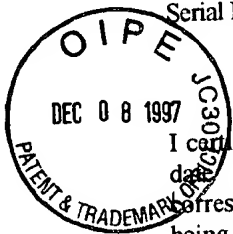
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### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Richard J. Richardson

Serial No. 08/919,947

Filing Date: August 29, 1997

Title: LIGHTING CIRCUIT, LIGHTING  
SYSTEM METHOD AND APPARATUS,  
SOCKET ASSEMBLY, LAMP INSULATOR  
ASSEMBLY AND COMPONENTS  
THEREOF

Examiner:

Group Art Unit:

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

### INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are being brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application.

The filing of this information disclosure statement shall not be construed as a representation that a search has been made (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g)), as an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability, or that no other material information exists.

The filing of this information disclosure statement shall not be construed as an admission against interest in any manner.

Copies of the cited documents are enclosed.

**English and Foreign Language Documents:**

The foreign language documents are being brought to the attention of the Examiner along with a concise explanation of the relevance of each document, as it is presently understood. No translations have been obtained.

German Publication No. 1,020,733 appears to show a lamp socket having a material to cover a portion of the end of the lamp. The material is identified at 37. There also appears to be a ring 39 and 40 to engage the covering material 37.

Soviet Publication 1,120,435 appears to show a lamp electrical connection assembly along with a material covering either the connection element or both the connection element and a portion of the lamp.

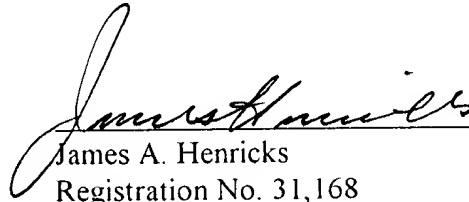
German Reference DE2,644,664 appears to show a lamp electrical connection assembly with a material covering the connection and a portion of the lamp.

### CONCLUDING REMARKS

It is respectfully requested that the examiner indicate consideration of the cited references by returning a copy of the attached form PTO-1449 with initials or other appropriate marks, and that the references be made of record as cited references in the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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